<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings.

1. - 22. (Canceled)

23. (New) A communication apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit, adapted to receive an E-mail stored in a mail box provided on an E-mail server;

a first obtaining unit, adapted to obtain attribute information of the E-mail stored in the mail box;

a discriminating unit, adapted to discriminate whether or not to receive the E-mail based on the attribute information obtained by said first obtaining unit; and

a controlling unit, adapted to, in a case where said discriminating unit discriminated not to receive the E-mail, send to the E-mail server an instruction for deleting from the mail box the E-mail that said discriminating unit discriminated not to receive.

24. (New) A communication apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein, before said receiving unit receives the E-mail, said discriminating unit discriminates whether or not to receive the E-mail.

25.   (New) A communication apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein, in a case where at least one E-mail is stored in said mail box, when said discriminating unit discriminates not to receive the E-mail, said discriminating unit further discriminates whether or not to receive an E-mail other than the E-mail that said discriminating unit discriminates not to receive.

26.   (New) A communication apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said first obtaining unit obtains size information of the E-mail as the attribute information, and said discriminating unit discriminates whether or not to receive the E-mail based on the obtained size information.

27.   (New) A communication apparatus according to Claim 26, further comprising a second obtaining unit, adapted to obtain maximum value information of a size of the E-mail capable of being received by said receiving unit,

wherein said discriminating unit discriminates whether or not to receive the E-mail by comparing the size information of the E-mail obtained by said first obtaining unit with the maximum value information obtained by said second obtaining unit.

28.   (New) A communication apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said controlling unit receives only header information of the E-mail that said discriminating unit discriminates not to receive, and stores, as communication history information, information obtained from the received header information.

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29. (New) A communication apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein said controlling unit stores as communication history information the size information of the E-mail that said discriminating unit discriminates not to receive.

30. (New) A communication apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said controlling unit stores as communication history information a fact that the reception by said receiving unit to the E-mail that said discriminating unit discriminates not to receive is stopped.

31. (New) A communication apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said controlling unit stores as communication history information a fact that the E-mail that said discriminating unit discriminates not to receive is deleted.

32. (New) A communication apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein, in a case where said receiving unit receives the E-mail that said discriminating unit discriminates to receive, said controlling unit stores as communication history information the information obtained from the E-mail received by said receiving unit.

33. (New) A communication apparatus according to Claim 23, further comprising an output unit, adapted to, in a case where said receiving unit receives the E-mail that said discriminating unit discriminates to receive, output the E-mail received by said receiving unit.

34. (New) A communication method for a communication apparatus connected to an E-mail server, said method comprising:

a receiving step, of receiving an E-mail stored in a mail box provided on the E-mail server;

a first obtaining step, of obtaining attribute information of the E-mail stored in the mail box;

a discriminating step, of discriminating whether or not to receive the E-mail based on the attribute information obtained in said first obtaining step; and

a controlling step, of, in a case where said discriminating step discriminated not to receive the E-mail, sending to the E-mail server an instruction for deleting from the mail box the E-mail that said discriminating step discriminated not to receive.

35. (New) A communication method according to Claim 34, wherein, before the E-mail is received in said receiving step, said discriminating step discriminates whether or not to receive the E-mail.

36. (New) A communication method according to Claim 34, wherein, in a case where at least one E-mail is stored in the mail box, when said discriminating step discriminates not to receive the E-mail, said discriminating step further discriminates whether or not to receive an E-mail other than the E-mail that said discriminating step discriminates not to receive.

37. (New) A communication method according to Claim 34, wherein said first obtaining step includes obtaining size information of the E-mail as the attribute information, and said discriminating step includes discriminating whether or not to receive the E-mail based on the obtained size information.

38. (New) A communication method according to Claim 37, further comprising a second obtaining step, of obtaining maximum value information of a size of the E-mail capable of being received in said receiving step,

wherein said discriminating step discriminates whether or not to receive the E-mail by comparing the size information of the E-mail obtained in said first obtaining step with the maximum value information obtained in said second obtaining step.

39. (New) A communication method according to Claim 34, wherein said controlling step receives only header information of the E-mail that said discriminating step discriminates not to receive, and stores as communication history information the information obtained from the received header information.

40. (New) A communication method according to Claim 37, wherein said controlling step includes storing as communication history information the size information of the E-mail that said discriminating step discriminates not to receive.

41. (New) A communication method according to Claim 34, wherein said controlling step includes storing as communication history information a fact that the

reception in said receiving step to the E-mail that said discriminating step discriminates not to receive is stopped.

42. (New) A communication method according to Claim 34, wherein said controlling step includes storing as communication history information a fact that the E-mail that said discriminating step discriminates not to receive is deleted.

43. (New) A communication method according to Claim 34, wherein, in a case where said receiving step receives the E-mail that said discriminating step discriminates to receive, said controlling step stores as communication history information the information obtained from the E-mail received in said receiving step.

44. (New) A communication method according to Claim 34, further comprising an output step of, in a case where said receiving step receives the E-mail that said discriminating step discriminates to receive, outputting the E-mail received in said receiving step.

45. (New) A program for causing a computer to execute a communication method applied to a communication apparatus connected to an E-mail server, said program comprising:

a receiving module, of receiving an E-mail stored in a mail box provided on the E-mail server;

a first obtaining module, of obtaining attribute information of the

E-mail stored in the mail box;

a discriminating module, of discriminating whether or not to receive the E-mail based on the attribute information obtained by said first obtaining module; and

a controlling module, of, in a case where said discriminating module discriminated not to receive the E-mail, sending to the E-mail server an instruction for deleting from the mail box the E-mail that said discriminating module discriminated not to receive.

46.   (New) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to execute a communication method applied to a communication apparatus connected to an E-mail server, said program comprising:

a receiving module, of receiving an E-mail stored in a mail box provided on the E-mail server;

a first obtaining module, of obtaining attribute information of the E-mail stored in the mail box;

a discriminating module, of discriminating whether or not to receive the E-mail based on the attribute information obtained by said first obtaining module; and

a controlling module, of, in a case where said discriminating module discriminated not to receive the E-mail, sending to the E-mail server an instruction for deleting from the mail box the E-mail that said discriminating module discriminated not to receive.